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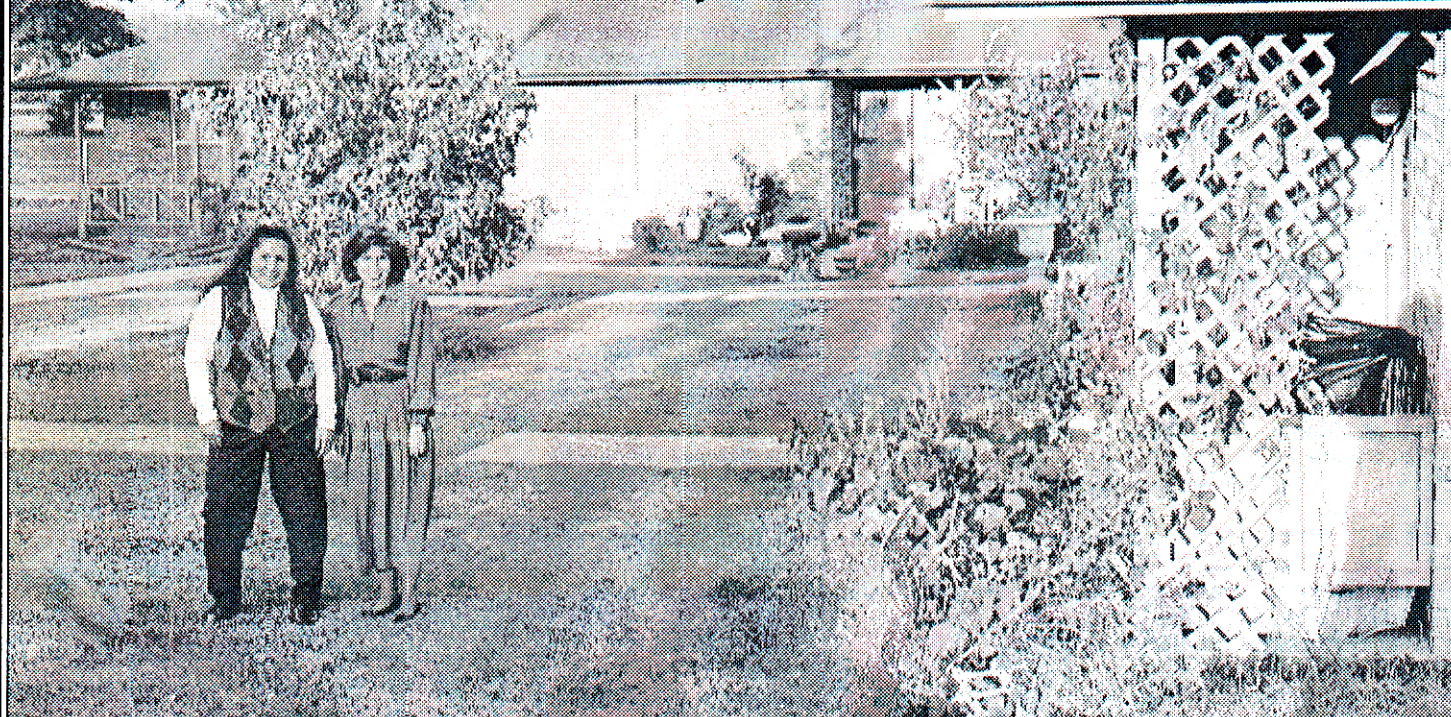
## PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

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### Homes of our own!



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority Officials Jimmie Tiger And Rhonda Butcher Show Off Units At The Father Murphy Drive Housing Addition

## Three grants kick start tribe's housing program

By Gloria Trotter

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is back in the housing business in a big way, with recent weeks seeing the tribe assume operation of the Father Joe Murphy Housing Addition as well as finalizing plans for an ambitious home ownership program.

Three separate federal grants for housing have been approved in recent months which will enable the tribe, by leveraging the funds, to build or refurbish dozens of homes in the tribal jurisdiction over the next several years.

Rhonda Butcher, interim executive director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority (CPNHA), said request forms for those interested in the home ownership program are already available, although final site selection for the first group of homes is still underway. Because there is a process of approval and counseling involved, she urged those interested to go ahead and start the procedure.

Butcher and her staff are currently completing work on one and five year housing plans which will be submitted to the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for a Native American Housing & Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) block grant. If the tribe's plans are approved, which Butcher feels confident of, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority will receive \$1.8 million, and that should continue indefinitely as long as approved plans are submitted.

It appears that the tribe jumped into the housing authority business at just the right time. NAHASDA, enacted in

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## Tribe gets go-ahead for million dollar tribal health clinic

By Gloria Trotter

After months of negotiations, applications and supplications, the pieces of the Potawatomi health clinic puzzle finally fell together in October.

"We found out about our grant and our compact in the same week," beamed Health Services Director Joyce Abel. "It was wonderful, wonderful!"

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been awarded a \$750,000 grant to build the long-awaited health clinic, which the tribe will match with another \$250,000 to build a million-dollar facility. The tribe missed on the grant last year.

The second big piece of the puzzle fell into place just about the same time, when the tribe learned that its compact with the Indian Health Service had been approved — after five years of negotiation. Under the compact, the tribe, not IHS, determines what the health needs of its people are and designs appropriate programs. "It's a government to government relationship now," Abel said.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation took the first step toward providing its own health services when it opened the tribal clinic in December 1996. "We put several programs into place," Abel said, "such as a mid-level practitioner — a family nurse practitioner. We also have a registered nurse and a licensed practical nurse."

The new clinic, when complete, will allow Health Services to offer even more — more examination rooms, centralized records and billing operations and a floor plan "customized for patient flow," Abel said. "Hopefully, we will be able to house all the health services

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Tribal scholarships for spring announced

The following tribal members received Tribal Scholarships for the spring semester:

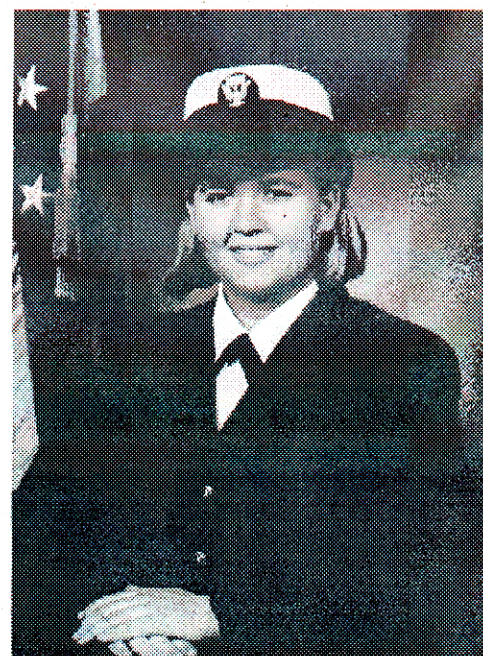
Douglas S. Brinson, East Central University  
 Mary E. Tasier, Oklahoma City Community College  
 Debra G. Ringer, Rose State College  
 Christine A. Winsor, OSU - Okmulgee Tech  
 Dale Sweeten, SW Oklahoma State University  
 Echo Tescier, University of Oklahoma  
 Susan J. Nadeau, Marritt College  
 Nancy L. McClendon, Connors State College  
 Maryann Six, Humboldt State University  
 Dennis B. Simpson, Rose State College  
 Theresa Talbot, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Shoshannah Slotzkin, Southern Oregon State College  
 Sharon S. Tate, Oklahoma Baptist University  
 Gale A. Smith, Seminole State College  
 Harry Hinesley, East Central University  
 Margaret A. Dudley, Eastern Oklahoma State College  
 Stanley Williams, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Rhonda J. Honeycutt, Bryan College of Court Reporting  
 JoAnna G. Howard, University of Oklahoma  
 Randal Schoeman, LSU Medical School  
 Sabrina B.J. Dunn, Ottawa University  
 Lisa L. Johnson, Daytona Beach Community College  
 Erica A. Rhodd, Oklahoma State University  
 Alexa Dawn Roberts, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Ashly N. Orr, Sinclair Community College  
 Michael S. Mahaffey, University of Central

**Funding for tribal scholarships will be increased as the result of "outstanding investment accumen," members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee announced recently. Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno said investment earnings have increased substantially since the tribe took over that function from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.**

Oklahoma  
 Joel M. Hopper, Oklahoma State University  
 Leah M. Hale, Oklahoma State University  
 Jeremy S. Duvall, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Tara Renee' Bressman, Southwestern University  
 Richard M. Robertson, Sacramento City College  
 Michelle L. Robinson, Cameron University  
 John C. Weddle, Seminole State College  
 Koby S. Fleck, Northern Oklahoma College  
 Grant W. Gage, Abilene Christian University  
 Nicholas D. Upton, Seminole State College  
 Anna Kelly Johnson, University of Oregon  
 Emily A. Coil, University of North Texas  
 Sarah B. Kupiec, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Jenny L. McCabe, Oklahoma Baptist University  
 Nicole L. Slavin, San Diego University  
 Rachel E. Watson, Baylor University  
 Brandi R. Morris, Seminole State College  
 Jessica M. Lantagne, Rose State College  
 Kaci R. Edge, Oklahoma State University - OKC  
 Bryan A. Fuller, University of Oklahoma  
 Paige M. Hill, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Brandy L. Blevins, Murray State College  
 Misty Dawn Hopkins, University of Texas at Dallas  
 Sarah G. Harrison, Northeastern State University  
 Amber N. Shirey, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Crystal Y. Mullins, Cameron University

Joshua S. Duvall, Seminole State University  
 Jason D. Wood, OSU Okmulgee Tech  
 Michael David Fox, University of Rhode Island  
 Kelly M. Blue, Texas A&M University  
 Tiki W. Sissell, Dallas Baptist University  
 Amanda L. Trousdale, Oklahoma State University  
 Randall Wesselhoff, Purdue University Calumet  
 Sarah L. Hopp, Rhodes College  
 Molly A. Malone, University of Illinois  
 Jessica L. Brayfield, Central Missouri State College  
 Margaret C. Yates, SW Oklahoma State College  
 Melanie S. Greenwood, East Central University  
 Rachel Grummer, Oklahoma State University  
 Tracy J. Downing, Regent University  
 Sandra D. English, Midwestern Baptist Theology Seminary  
 Brandon L. Harriman, Washington County Technical College  
 Jessie Marie Pugh, Kiamichi Area Vo-Tech  
 Elizabeth D. Norman, Court Reporting Institute of Dallas  
 Adam B. Coe, Nashville Auto/Diesel College  
 Justin D.H. Covalt, University of Central Oklahoma

The deadline for the Fall Tribal Scholarship is December 15, 1997. Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 1997. Applications can be obtained by calling the Tribal Rolls Office.



### In The Navy

Leann Trousdale, the daughter of Daniel and Cheryl Trousdale and a descendant of Mary Margaret Toupin (1883), is stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, aboard the Destroyer U.S.S. Briscoe, which will soon leave for the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean. She is a engineman. Leann completed five and half months of Engineman School in Great Lakes Navy Center and completed a two month school in San Diego, CA in water treatment. She was in the top 10% of her class with a average of 95.5%. She also lettered in high school sports at Cheyenne High School, Las Vegas, NV, where she was a 4-year varsity soccer mid-fielder and lettered 4 years in golf. She went to the state tournament three out of the four years in golf and placed 5th, 8th and 10th. She graduated from high school with 3.9 grade average.

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## OBITUARY

### Anna Marie Jankoski

Anna Marie Jankoski, 71, of Lake City, died Sunday, July 13, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was born to Clarence and Josephine (Bourassa) Lackey in Lyman, Oklahoma, on April 2, 1926. She was a member of American Legion, Auxiliary #300, Lake City Eagles Auxiliary 3884, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma.

She is survived by her special friend, Willard (Shag) Davis, of Lake City, and her children; Michael (Maureen) Scharlow, of Muskegon; Gary Scharlow, of Twin Lakes; Frank Jankoski III, of Nashville, Tenn.; Martin Jankoski, of Lake City; Steven Jankoske, also of Lake City; Pat (Tom) Erller, of Reed City; and Susan (Jankoski) Hanna, of Chicago, Ill. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Jankoski, in 1975.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, July 16, at 11 a.m. at the Young Funeral Home. Burial was in Lake City Cemetery.

## From Our Mailbox

Bourzho!

My mother and I loved the September HowNiKan!!! I desperately want to learn about the true ways of our Potawatomi ancestors. I want to know the traditions, the food, the medicinal use of plants. I am so grateful that the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations was so well reported; I bet there is much, much more to be told. We must obtain this precious knowledge before it is too late.

Please contact me if there is anything I can do. This is an opportunity no Potawatomi, of any Nation, should allow to escape.

Megwetch,

Annetta L. Nincehelsel Johnson





## For the record...

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 4, 1997

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb, Executive Secretary Karen Hopkins, Museum Curator and Gift Shop Director Esther Lowden, guest Carla Whiteman. Absent: Committeeman Jerry Motley.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Gene Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 1997 Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 1996 Business Committee meeting; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 1996 Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to minutes of the May 28, 1996 Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 7:00 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

PowWow Coordinator Esther Lowden gave an update on the meal for the upcoming PowWow and the meal for the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations to be held in August.

Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb updated the Business Committee on the current status of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program and application.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Library Grant Resolution #97-68 enrolling 31 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1

absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #98-69 enrolling 31 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #97-70 enrolling 15 applicants eligible under previous guidelines; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-71 enrolling 27 descendant applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #97-72 enrolling 30 descendant applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-73 enrolling 30 descendant applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #97-74 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve corrected Resolution #97-75 enrolling 5 descendant applicants; Gene Bruno seconded; Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to corrected Resolution #97-76 approving the relinquishment of Norma Jean Burnett Jackson, Frances June Strike-Axe Burrow, Frederick Leonard Burrow I and Charles Antoine Bruton; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business before the Committee, Hilton Melot moved to adjourn; Linda Capps seconded. Business Committee adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



## WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

### The following tribal members were enrolled under the previous guidelines:

Bruns, Marlene Pfau  
Eisenberger, George  
Cruse  
Huggins, Alisha Dawn  
LeClair, Jack John  
Lee, Deborah Lynn  
Weingard  
Lovins, Rhonda Jean Eby  
Luckert, Rebecca Lynn  
Eby  
Masterson, Josephine  
Georgiana Richstatter  
McKinney, Lucia Jade  
Moser, Shelley Von  
LeClaire  
Shawn, Bobbie LaRuth  
Bruno  
Wilkerson, Barbara Sue  
Reed Davenport

### The following tribal members were enrolled under descendency:

Anderson, Kevin Lee  
Andrews, Tammy  
Machelle Grass  
Bartram, Anton Wilmer  
Barwick, Allen Kirk II  
Beach, Hogan Gerard  
Beach, Walter Robert  
Bearman, Anna Gabriel

Bearman, Samuel Asher  
Bennett, Erin Paige  
Bennett, Leigh Donna  
Walton  
Brown, Frazier Chebon  
Brown, Michael Lynn  
Browne, Thomas Juan  
Bruno, Olivia Ann Wi-Zo  
Buchanan, Triston Jacob  
Burnette, Joshua James  
Campbell, Caitlyn Alexandria  
Campbell, James Craig  
Checorski, Cayla Marie  
Checorski, Ryan Chance  
Clement, Steven Lewis  
Clutter, Braden Shane  
Cooke, Dalton  
Coombe, Kelly Roy  
Joseph  
Craig, Carol Ann  
Crumbo, Scott Darsay  
Davis, Kevin Mark  
Davis, Michael Joseph  
Depel, Haley Nicole  
Elliott, Charles Albert III  
Fambrough, Brenda Lee  
Guess  
Fastman, Cody Dee  
Fastman, Turi Arvela  
Brown  
Fincher, Stanley Thomas  
Fincher, Tiffany Beth  
Finney, Amanda Cecilia

Finney, Dionne Nicole  
Fletcher, Richard Dean  
Flowers, Ira James  
Flowers, Sydney Rae  
Forbis, Daniel Eugene  
Fox, Justin Glen  
Fox, Kimberly Allison  
Gannon, Christopher  
Wayde  
Gebhart, Chellee Ann  
Gebhart, Kimberly Renae  
Gebhart, Rachael Marie  
Goodson, Brandi Ward  
Grass, Tracey Shannon  
Groves, Amanda Marie  
Haas, Kelli Michelle  
Hamilton, Miranda  
Celeste  
Hamilton, Valerie Aidan  
Harrell, Shoshannah  
Delana  
Hays, Kemberly Susanne  
Heim, Christopher Douglas  
Heim, Natalie Rhae  
Heim, Nicholas Ryan  
Herrick, Monaco Gabrielle  
Herron, Derek Lee  
Higdon, Emily Jo  
Hollaway, Christopher  
Eric  
Hollaway, Joseph Frost  
Holloway, Joshua Daniel  
Hull, Kayla Rachell

Hull, William Brandon  
Ingle, Bailey Lynn  
Johnson, Elizabeth  
Victoria  
Johnson, Joseph Brent  
Johnson, Kelly Kathleen  
Johnson, Michael Dwayne  
Johnson, Wayne Warren  
Kester, Jared Duane  
Kester, Jimmy Duane Jr.  
Kester, Laken Marie  
Lynne  
Key, Tyler James  
Lancaster, Dillon Scott  
Laub, Erica Renee  
Laub, Karen Nicole  
Laub, Michael Jason  
LeClaire, Jordyn Michelle  
Lee, Mary Deborah  
Leverett, Collin Richard  
Lewis, Donald Ray Jr.  
Lovins, Catherine Rane  
Lovins, Sarah Jane  
Lovins, Veronica Suzanne  
Lowry, Taylor Shae  
Luckert, John Frederick  
Luckert, Lisa Marie  
Luckert, Mark Andrew  
Marlow, Alexandria  
Gayelynn  
Mayberry, Lisa Luanne  
Chambers  
McCarty, James Ted

McCauley, Brian James  
McCauley, Ian Patrick  
McCauley, Lauren Elizabeth  
McDaniel, Shannon Eric  
Jr.  
McDevitt, Randa Nicole  
McEathron, Aaron  
Michael  
McPherson, Kacey  
Dakota  
Meek, Anthony Mark  
Meek, Christina Lynn  
Meek, David Michael  
Melot, Adrienne Rochelle  
Melot, Erica Michelle  
Millican, Trey Allen  
Muldrow, Cole Montgomery  
Nadeau, Ashley Diane  
Northcross, Brandon  
Walking Bear  
Oates, Paul Ryan  
Peverini, Melony Carol  
Anderson  
Redus, Ronda Sue  
Hobgood  
Rhoton, Spencer Paul  
Richardson, Crystal Lee  
Richardson, Tisha Marie  
Ross, Tylor Gage  
Rucker, Carie Lynette  
Chambers

Rucker, Lydia Breon  
See, Cevetta Yvonne  
See, Kenneth Edward  
See, Mary Jordan  
See, Wendy Elaine  
Shahan, Austin Ray  
Shultz, Nathaniel  
Alexander  
Slover, Lauren Elizabeth  
Smith, Brittany Lynn  
Snow, Andrew Joseph  
Stapleton, Jessica Nicole  
Storie, Cecilia Ruby Kay  
Teel, Sarah Nicole  
Tidwell, Erin Whitney  
Tidwell, Ryan Nicole  
Tubby, Emily Joanna  
Tuley, Bryan Edwin  
Tuley, Steven Michael  
Turley, Jennifer May  
Wagner, Joshua Caleb  
Walton, Nicole Leane  
Washburn, Brooklyn Jane  
Wertenberger, Paul Ivan  
Wertenberger, Windy  
Marie  
Westmoreland, Autumn  
Dawn  
Wickware, Brandon Wade  
Wilson, Ellen Nichole  
Wilson, Mikala Dawn  
Wood, Jacob Michael  
Woodall, Colton Blaze



# TO YOUR HEALTH...

## Substance abuse big contributor to domestic violence

Substance abuse, particularly the combined use of alcohol and cocaine, may play a significant part in some incidents of domestic violence, according to an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

While alcohol is the drug most associated with domestic violence, researchers from Methodist Hospital and the University of Memphis, says that approximately two-thirds of assailants in a series of consecutively-surveyed incidents of domestic violence had been using alcohol and cocaine at the time.

Authors Daniel Brookoff M.D. and colleagues base their conclusion on a survey of 62 incidents of domestic violence that took place in Memphis, Tenn., during 23 consecutive seven-hour evening shifts. A research survey team, consisting of a physician and a nurse or paramedic, went to scenes of police calls involving "disturbances or assaults at residential addresses."

If the incident fit the criteria for domestic assault, the researchers asked family members at the scene to participate in a research project on family violence. In all, researchers surveyed 64 assailants and 72 victims of domestic violence.

The researchers asked participants about the current assaults and prior history of domestic assault, prior arrest, use of antipsychotic medications, and victims' use of health care facilities and shelters. They also questioned them about drugs and alcohol use; family members were asked if they had observed drug or alcohol use by the participants in the 12 hours preceding the incident, and participants who denied cocaine use were asked to submit urine specimens for voluntary on-the-scene drug testing.

The investigators found that the majority of incidents involved "assault on an adult woman by an adult man who was or had been a sexual partner." In more than two-thirds of cases a weapon was involved — usually a gun. In addition, most of the assailants interviewed "reported that they had used alcohol on the day of the assault," as did slightly fewer than half of the victims.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT EPISODES:

Assaults against women by male sexual partner:

73%

Weapon involved: 68%

Assailants reports alcohol use: 86%

Victim reports alcohol use: 42%

Assailants reports cocaine use: 14%

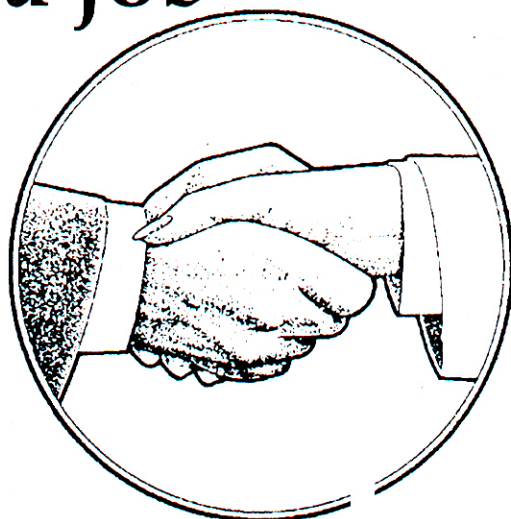
Victim reports cocaine use: 15%

The authors say that while "the presence of alcohol and other drugs in the events we studied does not necessarily imply that these substances affected behavior or caused the violence," nonetheless 92% of assailants and 42% of victims used alcohol or other drugs on the day of the assault.

Brookoff et al. note that while many of the victims and assailants had prior contact with the police, only 22% utilized other opportunities to seek treatment for either domestic violence or for their substance use problems. None requested services for the 85% of cases where children had witnessed the violence.

The authors note that assessment at the scene of assaults was well tolerated and may facilitate the provisions of such treatment. In addition, it may provide an opportunity to intervene with children who have witnesses or themselves been victims of domestic violence.

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# The strange tale of the Mexican Potawatomi

On our tribal allotment roll of 1863, the curious words "Mexican Potawatomi" can be found written beside a few dozen names. Strangely, these denote tribal members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi who accompanied the Kickapoo to Mexico. Their story is as interesting as it is obscure.

In 1837, a strong Potawatomi - Kickapoo alliance was formed when over one hundred Potawatomi, following a Kickapoo Holy Man named Kennekak, joined the Northern Kickapoo on their Kansas Reservation near Ft. Leavenworth. By 1844, many of these Potawatomi had intermarried with the Kickapoo. In 1851, an agreement was signed providing that the Kickapoo and the Potawatomi followers of Kenenkuk would "constitute one nation, having equal rights and share jointly in soil resources and money".

From this relationship with the Northern Kickapoos, the Kennekak Potawatomi came into contact and eventually develop equally close ties with the Southern Kickapoos. By 1860, the Southern Kickapoo consisted of bands that numbered anywhere from fifty to three hundred member, which were located on the Canadian and Washita River in Oklahoma, on the Sabine and Brazos in Texas and on the Remolino in Northern Mexico. Each year, these various bands would migrate to the Ft. Leavenworth Agency to receive annuities. Marriages and the family ties between the Kennekak Potawatomi, Northern and Southern Kickapoo caused considerable visiting back and forth among relatives. Bands of Northern Kickapoos and their Potawatomi relatives spent their annual hunt with their Southern Brethern.

Beginning in 1838, Mexican official in Coahula, faced with regular and devastating raids into Northern Mexico by Kiowa, Comanche and Apache raiders began to welcome the Southern Kickapoo. They permitted them to settle near the border just south of Eagle Pass, Texas. There they were granted lands and provided with livestock and farming tools. In return, Kickapoo warriors and their families, which would soon include their Kickapoo and Potawatomi relatives from the North, were to disperse in villages along the Rio Grande frontier and defend it against any Kiowa, Comanche and Apache raids.

Taking advantage of the protection offered by the international boundary and fueled by their deep hatred of

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the United States Government, the Kickapoo along with their Potawatomi relatives, routinely raided across the Rio Grande in groups of thirty to fifty well-mounted, well-armed warriors. They ranged as far south as Laredo and so far east as San Antonio. In their lightening attacks, lasting only a few days, they stole horses and cattle, kidnapped women and children and killed any Texan who resisted.

Driving the livestock across the Rio Grande, they would sell them to the Mexican merchants who retailed them for a handsome profit.

In 1872, Colonel Ranald S. Mackenzie was ordered by General Philip Sheridan to deal with the Kickapoo raiders by attacking them with his Fourth

Cavalry Regiment. This order implied disregarding Mexican sovereignty by crossing the border without Mexican permission. On May 16, scouts reported that the Kickapoo warriors had left their villages at Nacimiento to go west on a hunting expedition. Crossing the Rio Grande early in the morning near El Moral, they followed back trails, until reaching the unsuspecting village and suddenly attacked it. Unprepared, the women and old men of the village fought as best as they could, but soon fled while the troopers set fire to the lodges. 19 Kickapoo were killed and forty women and children were captured. These were taken and held hostage at Ft. Gibson.

Cavalry raids continued for the next seven years until, exhausted and decimated, the Kickapoos and their Potawatomi relatives reluctantly gave up their war with Texas and became agricultural.

Potawatomi captives taken during these raids were considered "without Passport", judged guilty of raiding into Texas and declared "fugitives from justice". They were taken to Fort Gibson, held as prisoners of war. Eventually, they were released and joined the Citizen Band on their reservation in Oklahoma.

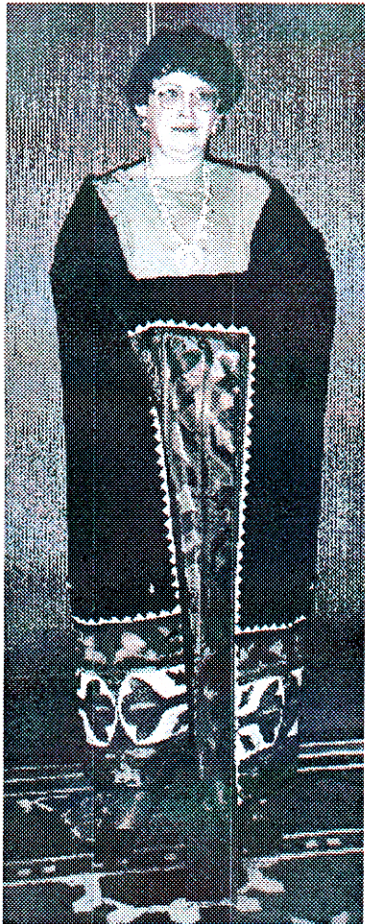
Today, the Kickapoo still copy their villages in Northern Mexico and with them, reside some of the descendants of our Potawatomi Brethern who fought to maintain their freedom south of the border.

**Submitted by Chris A. Detherage  
Arlington, Texas**

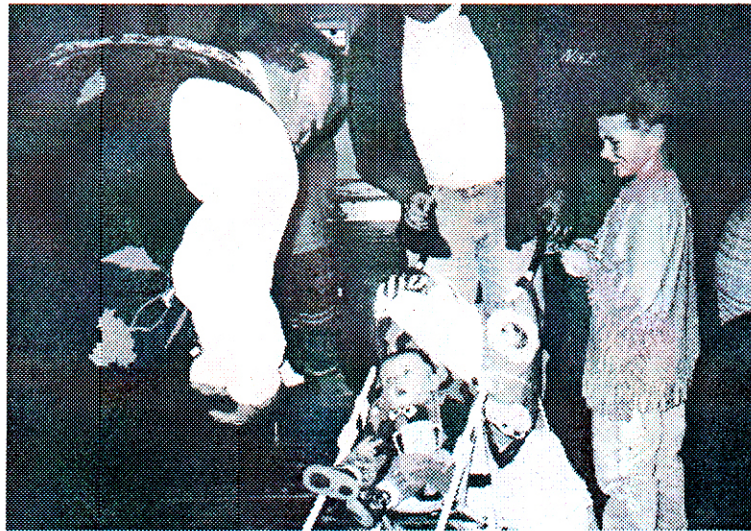




# Denver Regional Co



Penny Bishop models the shawl for which she earned second place in the Denver Region Art Contest.



Four-month-old ??? was the youngest tribal member present.



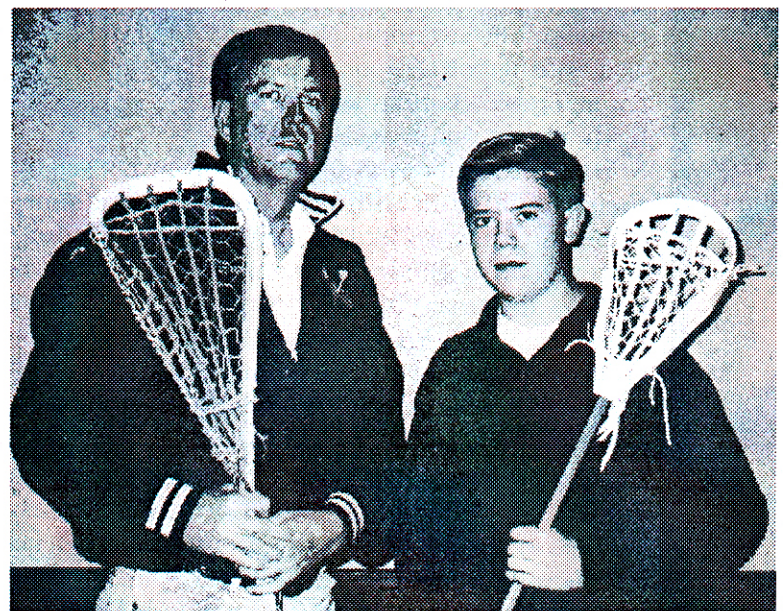
Chairman John Barrett presented a walking stick to Sam McCollum, the wisest tribal member present.



Marissa Navarre Christenson was one of the two youngest tribal members at the Denver regional.



Tribal members Marilyn Schroeder, left, and Dot Spencer enjoyed the Denver meeting.



Tribal member Bob Tatton, left, coaches Lacrosse at Regis College in Denver and has played the historic Potawatomi sport for 28 years. Tribal member John Gibson, right, plays Lacrosse at a Denver middle school.



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Felicia Giagos, a Comanche, presented a moving rendition of the Lord's Prayer in sign language.

Young Native Americans from the Denver Indian Center, including the young woman above, presented a stirring dance performance off with a Grand Entry (below right).



Chairman Barrett admires the work of Potawatomi artist Ron Striegel of Evergreen, Colorado, who took third place in the Denver Region Art Contest with a silver and turquoise belt buckle.







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## REGIONAL REPORTS

### OREGON/IDAHO

Bozho Nican.....Ni Ji Na? The Baptiste family is all well. How is your Bo de wad mi Language coming along? I am still trying, but I must say it is slow and one word at a time.

It is raining here in Oregon now but I don't mind because that means the salmon will be coming up the rivers and the deer hunting will be better than when it is dry. It hardly seems like just a few weeks ago I was in Oklahoma and very hot. Remembering the "Gathering of the Nations" again and remembering all the new friends and Indian brothers I met there. What a wonderful time it was. Thank you to all the Committee members and tribal employees that made it so special.

Maxine and I, along with Regena Story and my great-grandson Johnny, spent the weekend of September 27th in Eugene, Oregon where there was

another gathering. They called it "Celebrating Traditions," a Native American Arts and Cultural Gathering. Many different tribes were there sharing with the public about their tribes. We had a Potawatomi table set up and shared with everyone about the Seven Potawatomi Nations and their locations. We also had information on the Trail of Death to share. It was gratifying to see the interest everyone took in our tribal background. A young lady came by and visited a few minutes and then told me she had been raised near the Hannahville Potawatomi Nation, but was now living in Oregon. When she left and our conversation had ended, she said "Megwich." See, our language is not lost entirely.

The date of our Regional Meeting has been published and I am in the process of putting our meeting together. It's

April 11th, which this year is a Saturday. You will be hearing more on this later.

I hope all of you read about the Art Contest that will be held at our Regional Meeting this year. I understand that we will have more on this before long. In the meantime please be thinking of what you are good at and can enter. The winners at regional will also be entered in the Art Contest at our annual council meeting in Shawnee. Let's give them lots to choose from. Do you write, make jewelry, do metal sculptures, porcelains?

Let's create Indian Art.

Remember to leave a message on the phone or send a fax. I will answer your calls and concerns as soon as possible. I am in and out of the office and rely on the answering machine a lot. Pa Ma Pi (see you later)

Megwich,

— Rocky Baptiste

### NORTH TEXAS

It is finally raining here in the Dallas area. We have had an extremely dry September and this far in October. It is very welcome and will be even more so if it also cools off as they have promised. One hundred degree weather has not been what we would all like to see this time of year. But it seems that already in some areas there has been too much rain such as Arizona and South Texas and our prayers are with those who are suffering because of the flooding.

My husband and I went to Witchita, Kansas to meet our son who was there at a school at one of the aircraft plants. From there, we drove southwest across Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle into the Texas Panhandle. The land is beautiful. It is grain harvesting and cotton picking time and the fields were alive with activity. I had never seen the fields in Kansas and they were beautiful. There is a peace in seeing the land that you don't experience on the freeways in Dallas. And the wind was sweeping down the plains as they say in that song, "Oklahoma." The Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles were equally busy and on those roads the cattle trucks were added to the grain and cotton. We stayed at a motel in Dumas that you would expect to see in the large towns and were told that it was there because that is about half way between Dallas and Denver.

And we had to stop at the Palo Duro Canyon because it was there on our way to Midland to visit one of our daughters. The visitors ahead of us were from Switzerland and Germany and when I mentioned that they probably laughed at our mountains, the lady in the visitor center said they were very impressed with the wide open spaces. There was a

very nice display about the Indians from that area explaining how they had fled into the Canyon when the government was rounding them up to move them. That information gave me a different perspective as we drove through the Canyon. I could look up at the cliffs and imagine how they could have hid among the trees and rocks. It is a beautiful sight and if you're ever out that way, be sure and take the chance to visit.

By the time you read this the 8th Annual American Indian Art Festival & Market will have already happened. It is scheduled for October 18-19, 1997. The festival is an enriching experience and well worth your time. November is Indian History month and there will be events scheduled throughout the month.

A pow-wow is usually held at Fouts Field in Farmers Branch around the Thanksgiving holidays and it is also worth attending.

I have had eye surgery this past month and have gotten behind in responding to requests, but I have not forgotten you and a reply should have reached you by now. I promise! I have been recharged from our trip back to the basics seeing the amber waves of grain from one song, the wind sweeping down the plains from "Oklahoma," and that famous yellow brick road in Liberal, Kansas. I can't believe it will soon be Thanksgiving with Christmas not far behind. So try to relax and concentrate on our many blessings which far outweigh our problems.

— Marj Hobdy

### COLORADO

#### Greetings from Colorado!

October finds me scooting around like a little squirrel, getting ready for winter. I'm getting ready for our regional. Preparations are coming along nicely. Some of you I see and hear from during the year at various activities. Rest assured that I always look forward to our regional, just to see those of you I miss seeing during the year. So, call and R.S.V.P.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone Nov. 1.

Call Denver Regional Office 761-7021 or 1-800-531-1140.

— Penny Bishop



### Potawatomi Art Contest

All tribal members are eligible for the 1997-98 tribal art competition, which will be held at each regional council meeting this year with the winners entered in the overall contest at the 1998 Pow-Wow. Check with your regional coordinator for more information.



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## SOUTH TEXAS

Ahau, nikanes, (Hello, my friends)

We lost another one of our precious Elders and "helpers" in September. Frank Bush Walked On, and we are much poorer for losing him to the Blue Path. I feel sure he is there, urging us to keep trying to learn, and dancing in that Circle, even as he danced in this one. My prayers are for his loved ones, who must now walk this path without him.

He was a great strength to all who knew him.

Mno makes ne ngom? (How are you feeling today?)

Shawdese Texas shate'mgIt. (South Texas is hot!)

San Angelo seksi ngi wse'men, Bbon-gizsis ngod. (San Angelo deer we are going to hunt, November one.)

Is that enough for you now?

I study a little every day, and still I have trouble saying these Bode'wadmi words. But the study is making it easier. I have the books and tapes that Jim Thunder has created, and the book and tape that Don Perrot has for sale. You can buy those last two from Esther Lowden at the Museum store. I saw them advertised in the HowNiKan. The tapes are really essential, they help with the pronunciation. Remember, this is an oral language, not a textbook language, so hearing, and practice, are everything.

It is nearly the time for the fall Giving Thanks ceremonies and the beginning of all the Sagnash Holidays we know. John and I wish you a good autumn: great football games, big pumpkins, juicy apples, a fat turkey, all that goes with those things.

We will be putting our tobacco down and thanking Grandfather for all he has given, sweet water to drink, fresh air to breathe, the sun to warm us, and above all Earth Mother, who provides all our needs; food, shelter and clothing. We will remember you.

With a little luck we will bring home a fresh supply of venison. We always look forward to those visits to San Angelo. Mom and Dad are doing pretty well, we will spend some quality time with them, and we will be playing dominoes. Even though Dad always wins, we keep trying.

We heard that our second great-grandchild will be coming along in March. Now that makes you feel like an Elder!

I haven't been hearing much from you, so I guess all is well, and you are all very busy. Let us know if we can do anything to help, with-enrollment, health aides, information (if we don't know, we will try to find out!), and keep well.

Bama mine; ngotdek,

— Lu Ellis

## Uncle Frank

Ahau, Grandfather, comes now  
this man

He gave his heart to his people  
There was always too much to  
do

In young manhood he went to  
war

In the Pacific he fought for his  
homeland

Later he stood for his beliefs  
Among those who would not  
hear

He wept with the crying  
And sang with the praying  
And he danced

He carried the flag in the heat of  
the day

And he danced

There was always too much to  
do

Ahau, Grandfather now yours is  
this man

There were children to care for  
And Elders to clothe and babies  
to love and to feed

Young men to be taught

To stand tall beside him and

To honor Earth Mother and all of  
Her creatures

He went to the weddings the  
funerals and namings

He sang with the praying

And he danced

He carried the flag on the hot  
days of summer

And he danced

There was always too much to  
do

Ahau, Grandfather keep well this  
man

He gave his great heart to his  
people

He taught those who would listen  
Of history and wars

Of goings and comings of Bands  
and of hunts

He passed on the Language  
The stories and ways

To all who would hear him and  
learn

He cried with the weeping

He laughed with the joyous

He sang with the praying

And he danced

There was always too much to  
do

Ahau, Grandfather, the people  
now

Give him back to you, this man

With the flag that he carried

On the hot summer days

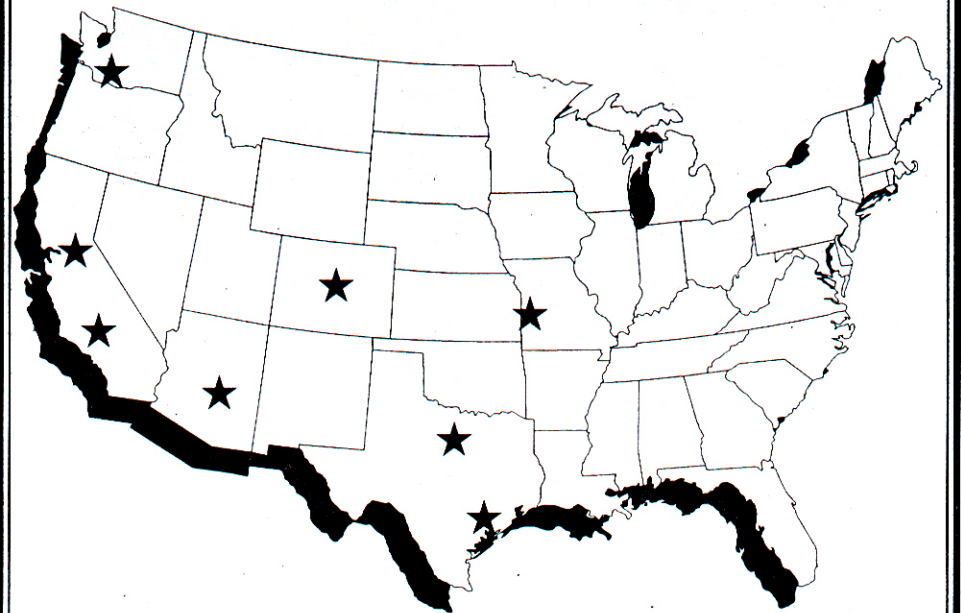
When he sang with the praying

And gave us his heart

When he danced

Aho!

— Lu Ellis, 1997



## 1997-98 Regional Council Schedule

Denver .....	Nov. 1, 1997
Phoenix .....	Jan. 17, 1998
Southern California .....	Feb. 21, 1998
Houston .....	March 7, 1998
Northern California .....	March 21, 1998
Seattle/Portland .....	April 11, 1998
Dallas .....	April 25, 1998
Kansas City .....	May 30, 1998

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bozho, nicon!!

Saturday, Sept. 27, was the third annual Cal State Univ. Hayward Pow Wow-on-the-Hill. It was a beautiful day, with four drums, quite a few dancers and a good turn-out by tribal people and visitors alike. Besides the usual activities was a performance of ceremony by a group of local Aztec dancers with their beautiful plumage and regalia. Their dances are very physical and powerful.

Also, a big hit were storytelling times with our own Barbara Potter. She sat under a big shade tree and held young and old spellbound. She also helped in a book giveaway for children up to 12 years old. The look of surprise at getting a book for free was on their faces and quite delightful. Barbara just recently got her traditional dress and was at my side in Grand Entry. We entered with joy and great pride in representing our Potawatomi people.

The experience of planning, organizing, and putting on a pow wow has taught me a lot about many things. I've organized a lot of meetings, big and small, over the years, but this was totally different and rewarding in ways of the heart and soul. I certainly appreciate better the great work others do in putting on a pow wow. I look forward to starting the work on next year's event.

Well, that brings us to our next regional meeting date! I just got it. It will

be March 21st, so mark you calendars now. I'll keep you posted on details as the time draws near. Please let me know if you are available to help out or would like to contribute in any way; i.e., set up, registration, door prizes, displaying your artifacts, clean-up, etc. You may have caught the notice of an art contest at the regional meetings in the last issue of HowNiKan. I'm sure I will have the details and rules by the time you read this, so get out your art supplies and start creating. Let's have a great demonstration of the talent we Potawatomi have.

There are no pow wows listed in my local pow wow calendar for November, but I am sure there are things going on. Please watch the media and look for those flyers in your community.

Dec. 6 — 4th Annual Amer. Ind. Alliance Calendar Kick-Off p.W. (408) 243-6517

Dec. 13 — DQ Univ. Winter Pow Wow (916) 758-0470

Dec. 29 — 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre

Dec. 31 — 4th Annual new Year's Eve Title

IX P.W.-Fremont High Sch. (408) 522-2238

That's about it for this time. Please call me if you need forms or information. We've had a few of our people move into this area recently and ask for information on local clinics, etc. and just to touch base. Hope to see you at one of the pow wows.

Until then, enjoy your life ...

— Jennifer J. Porter







# INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

## Kansas Kickapoos meet with Mexican, Texas relatives

(From *News From Indian Country*, Late Sept., 1997) — Kickapoo Council members Nancy Bear, June Simon-Quoetone and John Thomas, with Tribal Attorney General Mario Gonzales, traveled to Mexico by invitation of the traditional Kickapoo of Texas, and also attended the first anniversary of the grand opening of Lucky Eagle Casino in Texas.

The trip was also made to assist the Texas Kickapoo with legal matters such as the establishment of a Tribal court for the Texas Reservation licensing vendors for the Lucky Eagle Casino, and other issues regarding gaming on the Kickapoo Reservations.

Gonzales is Native American attorney who specializes in Federal Indian Law and has over 25 years of experience representing tribes and organizations on issues ranging from tribal courts, law and order, treaty rights, land claims and water rights.

The traditional Kickapoo of Texas own and occupy two reservations, one in Nacimiento, Coahuila, Mexico and the other at Eagle Pass, Texas.

The reservation in Mexico, located at the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains, is an executive order reservation consisting of 17,000 acres, located about 30 miles west of Musquiz, in the state of Coahuila.

The reservation was granted by the Mexican Government in the 1800s in consideration for the assistance of the Kickapoo Tribe in helping the Mexican Government fight marauding Indians.

The second reservation consists of a 25 acre tract located a few miles east of Eagle Pass, Texas, held in the name of the United States in trust for the tribe. The tribe acquired this tract in 1970, and was able to place its gaming facility

there since the land was placed in trust prior to the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

The Kansas delegation met the head Kickapoo Chief Anico, who is, by his account, "very old." The Kickapoo tribe still functions under the traditional government system in Mexico, although it adopted the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act for its Texas reservation. Traditional Kickapoo seek the advice and direction of Anico on important issues confronting the tribe.

### **Modern Indian wars fought in Washington as well as at home**

(From *News From Indian Country*, Late Sept., 1997) — Putting out political fires at home or engaging in political warfare with modern day Indian fighters in Washington D.C. is nothing new for tribal leaders.

A case in point, 234 tribal leaders from across the country converged on the nations capitol Sept. 3-4 to protest several amendments to the FY 1998 Interior Appropriations bill (HC 2107). The bill contains provisions that would harm tribal government sovereign rights, including:

Section 120 which would waive any claim of sovereign immunity for a tribe that receives tribal priority allocations from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

Section 118 which would require the BIA to create a formula for means testing and to collect information on tribal government income.

The bill also contains a number of riders affecting tribes, including provisions that remove the self-determination

of Alaska tribes with regard to medical services.

W. Ron Allen stressed to the leaders the dangers of the legislation and how it could bankrupt tribes, cripple tribal governments and services if allowed to pass as law. In addition, tribal courts would be swept aside in the process.

Doug Anderson, a participant in the conference, stated that Section 118 is contrary to existing federal policy law and is based on the false premise that all tribes are wealthy through gaming and no longer need help from the federal government.

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell stated to leaders that he would motion to strike the sections from the appropriations bill.

Other Senators stated that the riders introduced by Sen. Slate Gorton, (WA) violated Senate rules since the bill attempts to change policy and should not be allowed in an appropriation bill.

### **OU Native Studies Program to host education forum**

The University of Oklahoma's Native American Studies Program will co-sponsor, in partnership with tribal officials, Indian community representatives, faculty, and students, a forum to address American Indian participation in higher education.

The American Indian Higher Education FORUM is scheduled for December 8th and 9th at the U.S. Postal Training Center Hotel. Clara Sue Kidwell, Director of the University of Oklahoma's native American Studies Program stated, "American Indian

students are attending college and getting degrees in larger numbers than ever before. Although there are still high attrition rates for Indian students, many of them are succeeding in college and, more important, going on to graduate programs in law, business, medicine, and other professional and academic fields. We want to focus on the factors in their success and share models of what works for Indians in higher education."

Topics to be addressed at the forum include American Indian student recruitment and retention; partnerships between tribal, state, federal, and private entities; financial aid and tribal involvement; American Indian academic development in university settings; research projects and policy issues in American Indian higher education; and American Indian colleges.

Speakers and presenters will come from state and national regions. Invited speakers include David Beaulieu, Director of the Office of Indian Education, Office of Education, Washington, D.C.; Lorene Willis, current President, National Indian Education Association; Janie Pease Windy-Boy pretty on top, President, Little Big Horn College, Crow Reservation, Montana; Rick St. Germaine, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Joe Ferretti, Provost at the OU Health Science Center. Bill Anoatubby, governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma will keynote a special luncheon focused on the direction Oklahoma is taking in meeting the higher education needs of its American Indian citizenry.

On-site registration for the two-day forum is \$75, which includes a luncheon, banquet, and materials. For additional information and pre-registration call Sheila Black at 405-325-2312.

## **\$5,000 REWARD**

**Wanted: The person or persons responsible for vandalism damage to #12 green of FireLake Golf course on July 15, 1997, and October 19, 1997.**

**The Citizen Potawatomi Nation offers a \$5,000 reward for information leading to successful prosecution of the vandal or vandals.**

**Anyone who has information to report can call the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department at 405-275-3121.**

### **CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Supervises all activities of the Housing Authority including development, management, maintenance, finance and counseling. Reports to the Board of Commissioners. Assures services in accordance with Federal, HUD and Housing Authority Regulations.

Responsible for policy and procedure development, as well as personnel administration. Knowledge of Federal Housing Regulations is critical. Business degree and 3 years experience, as well as Housing Management Certification preferred. Competitive salary and full benefits. Send cover letter, salary requirements and resume to: Human Resources Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, 1901 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. Indian Preference. Closing Date: Nov. 30, 1997.



## Capps to speak at Oregon conference

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps will be a keynote speaker for an upcoming college diversity network conference.



Capps will make the presentation Nov. 13-14 during the third annual Oregon Community College Diversity Network Conference on the campus of Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. She will speak on the topics of diversity in the workplace and in schools and bias free communication. The theme for the conference is "Diversity in Business, Healthy Communities and Education."

Earlier this year Capps was named Oklahoma Minority Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

She has been employed as bid assistance coordinator at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee for 10 years. During those years, she assisted more than 150

small and disadvantaged business owners in their efforts to contract with local, state, and federal government entities. Capps has assisted area businesses with more than 600 government contracts exceeding \$300 million during the past decade. She has also written numerous successful grant proposals.

Prior to her employment as bid assistance coordinator, she taught Native American adults in a government grant program housed on the Gordon Cooper campus.

She is on the executive committee of the Southwest Center for Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma. For the past two years, she has helped the executive committee select participants for the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education.

Prior to working at Gordon Cooper Technology Center, Capps spent six years working for Tecumseh Public Schools as Indian Education Coordinator, secondary business instructor, and career education coordinator. She also taught business education at Dover High School for one year.

Capps earned a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in secondary education, with vocational emphasis.

## New clinic will provide more services, better facilities to tribal members

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one roof ... that's part of the compact."

She is also looking forward to adding full-time physicians to the medical staff. Currently, the nurse practitioner, Elizabeth Bartos, refers to patients to a physician when necessary, either at the clinic or the doctor's office, or confers with the doctor by phone. Abel is very pleased with the program; "Elizabeth is such a caring person," she said. "We couldn't have made a better choice." She said the tribe is currently awaiting Bartos' credentialing with Mission Hill Memorial Hospital. When that is approved, she will be the first nurse practitioner with staff privileges there. "The doctors seem very enthused with Elizabeth," Abel said.

Along with doctors, Abel plans to hire a public health nurse as the services expand. Health Services has come a long way since Abel came to work for the tribe in 1981, when the Community Health Representatives were the entire program. The promise of a new, modern clinic is the icing on the cake.

"We want it to be state of the art," she said, "the best it can be." At this point, a site for the new clinic has not been announced and plans are still pretty general. But it will have a small lab, a small X-ray area and an audiology area in addition to the features mentioned above. "It will probably be spring before we get started on it," Abel said.

Currently the clinic is serving about 80 patients a week, three-fourths of them Potawatomi. Under government regulations, the clinic can serve only Native Americans in the tribe's service area — those who previously used the Indian Health Service Clinic in Shawnee. While most of those now being seen are Potawatomi, other tribes in the area may use it as well. Although the Absentee Shawnees have a clinic in Little Axe and the Sac & Fox a clinic at Stroud, both of those tribes have blood degree limitations while the Potawatomi clinic may serve any Native American in its service area with a roll card.

Abel is understandably excited about the changes ahead. "Everything is going beautifully healthwise," she said, "both for the staff and the tribal members ... we have devoted this clinic to the needs of our people. We'll never be able to meet them all, but that's what's in our hearts."

## Tribe plans to build 15 new homes within next year

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1996, mandates block-grant funding to the tribes, which replace the traditional grants HUD used to award for specific programs. In an article in *The American Indian Report* (October 1997), Christopher Boesen, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council, said the impact of the new law "can't be underestimated."

"The impact will be massive," he said, "provided the program is handled well by HUD and the tribes. This act holds more promise than anything else in the history of Indian housing." Nationwide, the article said, there are more than 100,000 American Indian families homeless or living in substandard housing. Under the current system, it would take 40 years to meet their housing needs.

For most of this century, those needs were addressed under the 1937 Housing Act, written with low-income city dwellers in mind. "NAHASDA changes everything," Boesen said. "It provides money for tribal housing and gets rid of the cookie-cutter approach to meeting tribal housing needs. It assumes the tribes know the problems they face and gives them responsibility to solve those problems."

The block grants are awarded according to a formula based in part on the tribes' 1990 population census. Tribes must still spend at least 80 percent of their funding

on low-income housing, but may designate some money for higher income housing. Butcher said federal guidelines indicate that a person with an income level of \$24,360, or a family of four with a combined income level of \$34,800, could qualify.

Although final regulations for the program are not yet ready, Butcher expects the grant to be approved within the next few months. Already awarded are two other housing grants, both under the old funding guidelines. One is for \$1.8 million, to be used for homeowners with a 30 percent equity in the homes they purchase, and the other is a \$1.281 million HOME grant. That must be matched 100 percent by the housing authority, but that can be done with other grant funds.

"These will never be again," Butcher said, since the housing program has been revamped. "We were lucky to get them before the program ended."

To make the most of three grant programs, the tribe has developed a plan to leverage the funds with a bond issue, stretching the \$4.2 million into as much as \$10 million. "We contemplate having sufficient funds to build more than 100 homes," said Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett. "These homes will be built within the tribal jurisdiction and will be mid-range housing. We hope to use these homes to attract tribal members to live within our jurisdiction," he added, noting that if the

homes are on trust land, federal impact money for children in those homes would go to their school district.

Butcher said site selection is currently underway for the HOME program, with tentative plans for "a small subdivision" of 20 or so, and another dozen or so in scattered locations. Most will be three bedroom homes, Butcher said, with some four bedroom. "My goal is to have about 15 built within the next year," she said.

The homes will require a 50 percent equity investment by the owner as specified in the grant. Average value of the homes should be about \$75,000, she said. No decision has yet been made about whether the tribe will be its own general contractor or whether outside contractors ((Indian preference) will be used.

But in the meantime, those interested can start the process of applying. Income must be verified and there is a required home buyer education program. "There's a lot that goes into home ownership," Butcher said. "I think this counseling will be good."

While those plans are being finalized, the CPNHA has assumed control and operation of the Father Murphy Drive Housing Addition. "We have begun refurbishing these duplexes, making sure they are in tip-top condition for our renters," said Butcher. Several units are available in the addition and she would like to hear from eligible prospective residents.

"There are 25 units in this complex — about 800 square feet each," she said. "They have washer and dryer hookups and a refrigerator and range."

The addition has three one-bedroom units and 22 two-bedroom units.

Rent in the Father Murphy Drive addition is based on income, on a sliding scale. To be eligible, prospective residents must earn less than \$24,000 per year in a one-person household or less than \$26,000 per year for a two person household.

"We are developing a first-come, first-served waiting list for current and future vacancies," Butcher explained. "Our three levels of priority for residents are: Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, other Native Americans, then other income-eligible senior citizens."

Prospective residents 62 and older receive first priority for vacancies. "We also target the 'near-elderly,' people 55 through 61 years old," Butcher said.

"We're proud of the appearance of this housing addition," Butcher said. "It's very clean and attractive. The grounds are well maintained. And, the residency has been very stable."

The Father Murphy Drive addition is located immediately east of the nation's health clinic, on Gordon Cooper Drive between Shawnee and Tecumseh.

Those interested in any of these housing programs should contact Jimmie Tigger at 878-4850.